

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4103–S4169*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2320–2324, and S. Res. 341–342. **Page S4158**

**Measures Passed:**

**Cowlitz Indian Tribe Distribution of Judgment Fund Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2489, to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4162**

**Building Designation:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4162–64**

**Federal Lands Transfer:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1814, to transfer Federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4162–64**

**Conveyance:** Senate passed H.R. 1274, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4164**

**Asbestos Litigation:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2290, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. **Pages S4123–4150**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 22, 2004. **Pages S4144–50**

**Crime Victims' Rights Constitutional:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to con-

sideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. **Page S4150**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 22, 2004. **Page S4150**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S4150**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S4169**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S4157**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 21, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4169).

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the

Treasury, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION/ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; John P. Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); and Lieutenant General Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

#### **IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine United States policy and military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Mark I. Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

#### **BANKING AND CREDIT UNION INDUSTRIES**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine current conditions of the banking and credit union industries, focusing on improved risk-management practices of banks, the current status and direction of regulatory efforts to revise capital standards for internationally active banks, deposit insurance, and consolidation within the domestic banking industry, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency, and James E. Gilleran, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Donald E. Powell, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Dennis Dollar, National

Credit Union Administration, Alexandria, Virginia; and Kevin P. Lavender, Tennessee State Bank Commissioner, Nashville, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors.

#### **IRAQ TRANSITION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of society in Iraq, focusing on moving the Iraqi people toward a secure, independent state, after receiving testimony from James R. Schlesinger, Lehman Brothers, Samuel R. Berger, Stonebridge International, LLC, and Richard N. Perle, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Benjamin T. Dodge, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, United Kingdom; and Juan Cole, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

#### **BLACK MARKET**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of the federal government's current efforts to enforce existing intellectual property rights and how current U.S. intellectual property enforcement policies relate to the loss of manufacturing jobs, after receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; Francis Gary White, Unit Chief, Commercial Fraud Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Jeff Gorman, Gorman-Rupp Company, Mansfield, Ohio; Phillip A. Rotman II, Dana Corporation, Toledo, Ohio; and Daniel C.K. Chow, The Ohio State University College of Law, Columbus.

#### **INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 4170–4179; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 598–599 were introduced.

**Pages H2198–99**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H2199–H2200**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on April 14: H.R. 3970, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–462);